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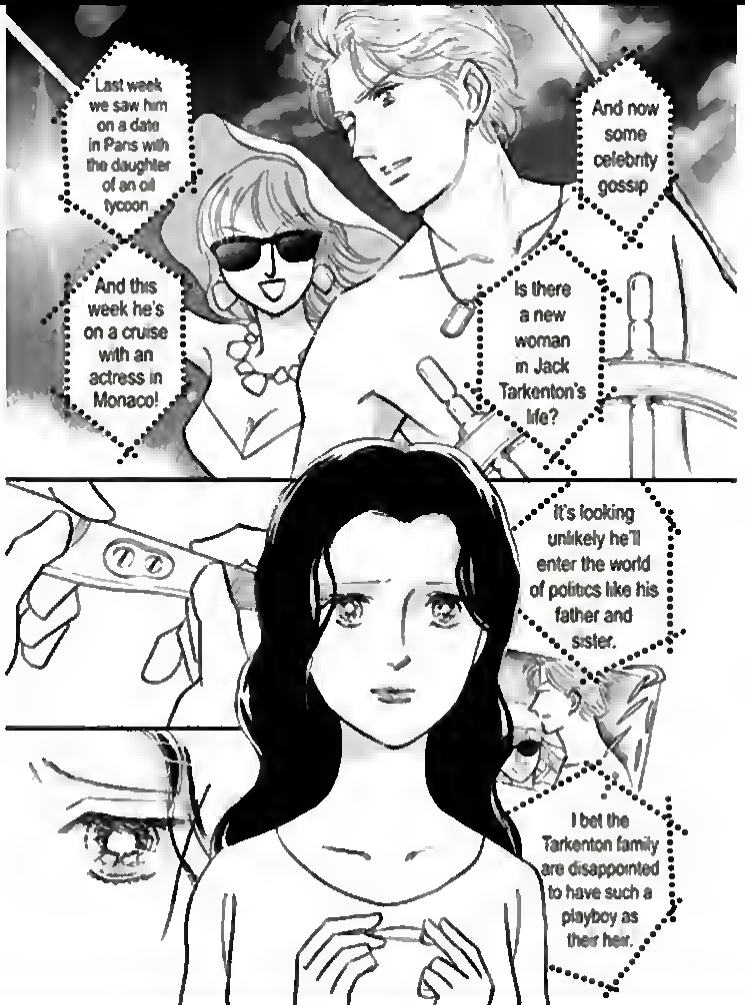
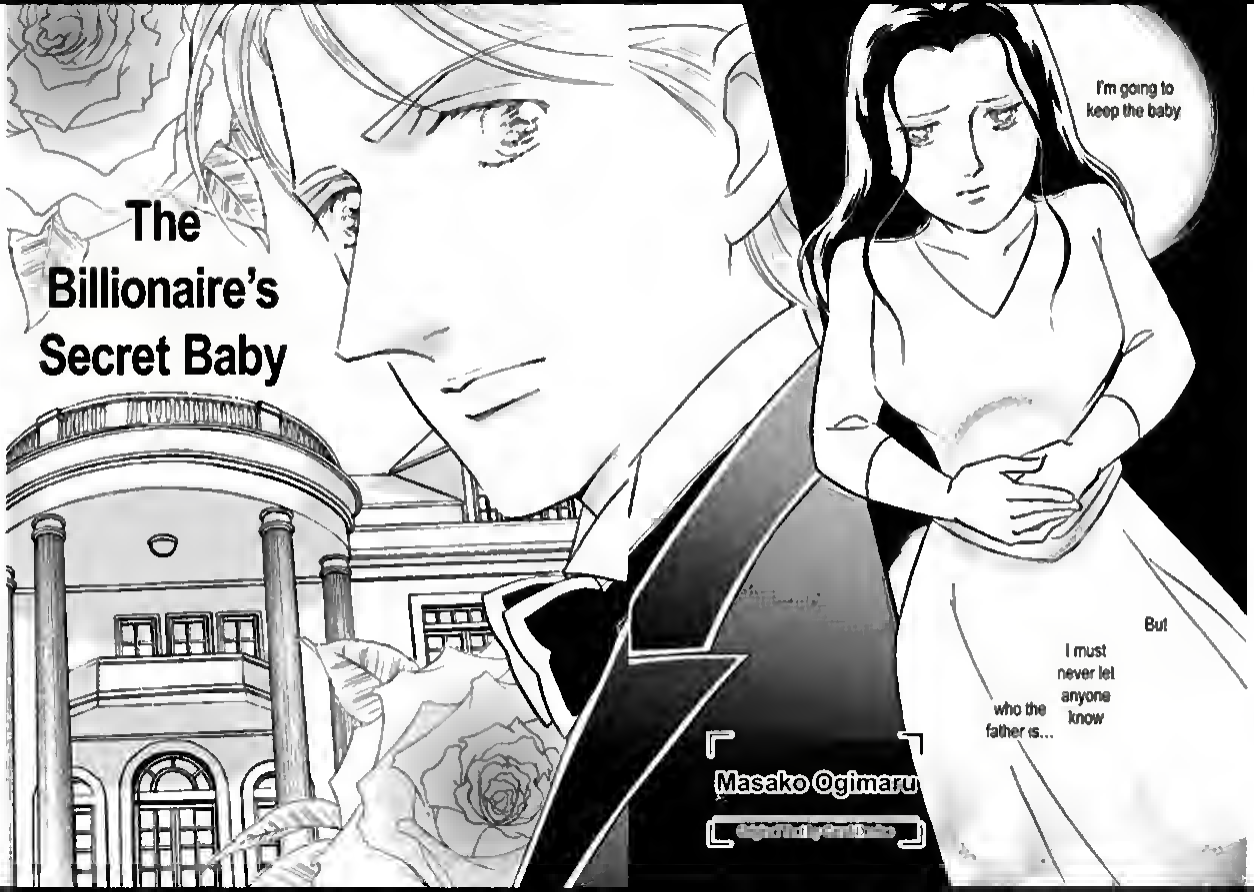

Last week we saw him on a date in Paris with the daughter of an oil tycoon.
And this week he's on a cruise with an actress in Monaco!
And now some celebrity gossip
Is there a new woman in Jack Tarkenton's life?
It's looking unlikely he'll enter the world of politics like his father and sister.
I bet the Tarkenton family are disappointed to have such a playboy as their heir.


The Billionaire's Secret Baby
I'm going to keep the baby
But
I must never let anyone know
who the father is...
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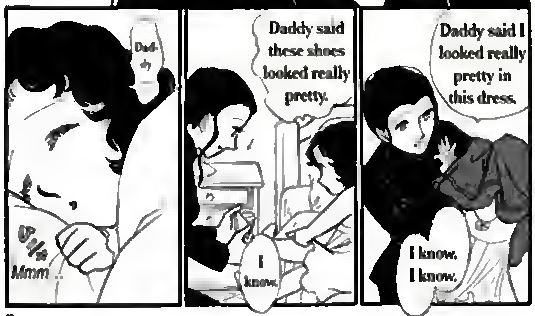
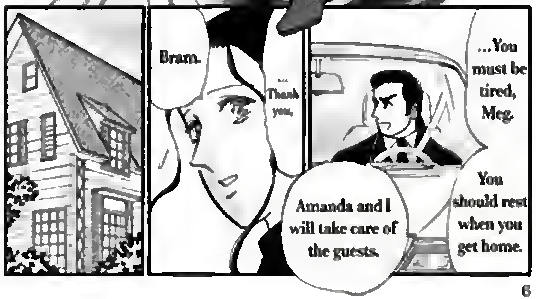
I would have been a better wife to Allen.
..If I knew this was going to happen.
I can see it now in hindsight.
What had I been doing these past 5 years?
Murmur
Screech
...Not for a while, Katie...
!?
5 years later...
New Jersey, U.S.A.
Allen Betz was loved as...
A good husband.
A good father
And a good neighbor...
Whisper
Mommy?
When is Daddy coming home?
I can't believe a drunk driver crashed into his car.
It's so tragic...
It's Jack Tarkenton.
Snap
Flash
Jack Tarkenton is here!

I'm staying up until Daddy gets home!
I'm not tired!

Now... good girls should go to bed.
You can see Daddy anytime you want in your heart.
...Katou.


Dad-dy
Mmm ..
Daddy said these shoes looked really pretty.
I know.
Daddy said I looked really pretty in this dress.
I know. I know.

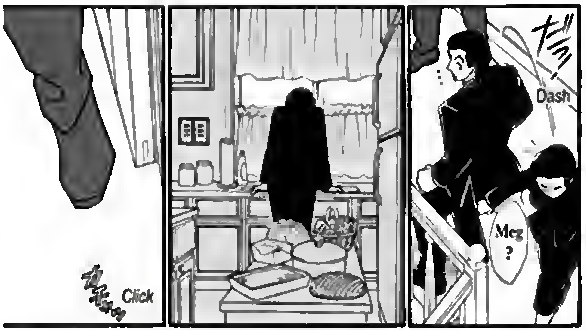
Hair the color of a lion's mane
Jack Tarkenton!
An eye-catching appearance
He hasn't changed one bit in 5 years ..


Bram.
...Thank you.
...You must be tired, Meg.
Amanda and I will take care of the guests.
You should rest when you get home.

What am I doing?
We're family, aren't we?
Jack Tarken-ton!
What are you doing here?
Tap
パタン…
Sigh
Has she gone to sleep
Or did you forget ?
5 years ago, your brother married my sister,
and we met at the wedding reception.
She's my daughter, too.
My daughter and I are tired. Please leave us alone!
You never contacted me after that night!
You're the one who forgot.
...Please leave.

Meg?
..
What's wrong?
Meg, I need to...
Don't touch me!
..No
It can't be.
He can't possibly know.
I don't mind.
...
who Katie's real father is...?
Do you want to tell everyone
?
Tap
Tap
?
Come here!
Bram !
....
What did you say?
Mr. Betz knew about this and married you, anyway, right?
And so do you.
I know she is.
Katie is my child.

Yeah.
I'm very sorry for your loss, Mrs. Betz.
Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.
They're in the garden. Zack and Sarah have already left.
They said they would be praying for you.


Click
Dash
Meg ?

I didn't know you were here, Jack.
Oh.
Yeah.
I wanted to kiss Katie good-night.
...Katie wouldn't go to bed.
How is everyone?
That smile that attracts men and women alike .
He hasn't changed at all
He's so good at lying

This man suspects all the women he's slept with?
He thinks these women... will blackmail him or something?
Trouble?
Stop following me!
Mr. Tarkenton.
You're mistaken,
I have slept with you once.
But Katie's father is my husband, Allen Betz!
And the detective has already
checked Katie's DNA against mine.
you found out you were pregnant.
you married Mr. Betz a few weeks after
According to the detective,
... What do you want from me?
I think I'm going to be sick
It's to... you know... avoid trouble.
I have a very good private detective.
But all the women I sleep with are investigated, Meg.
I didn't want to say this.

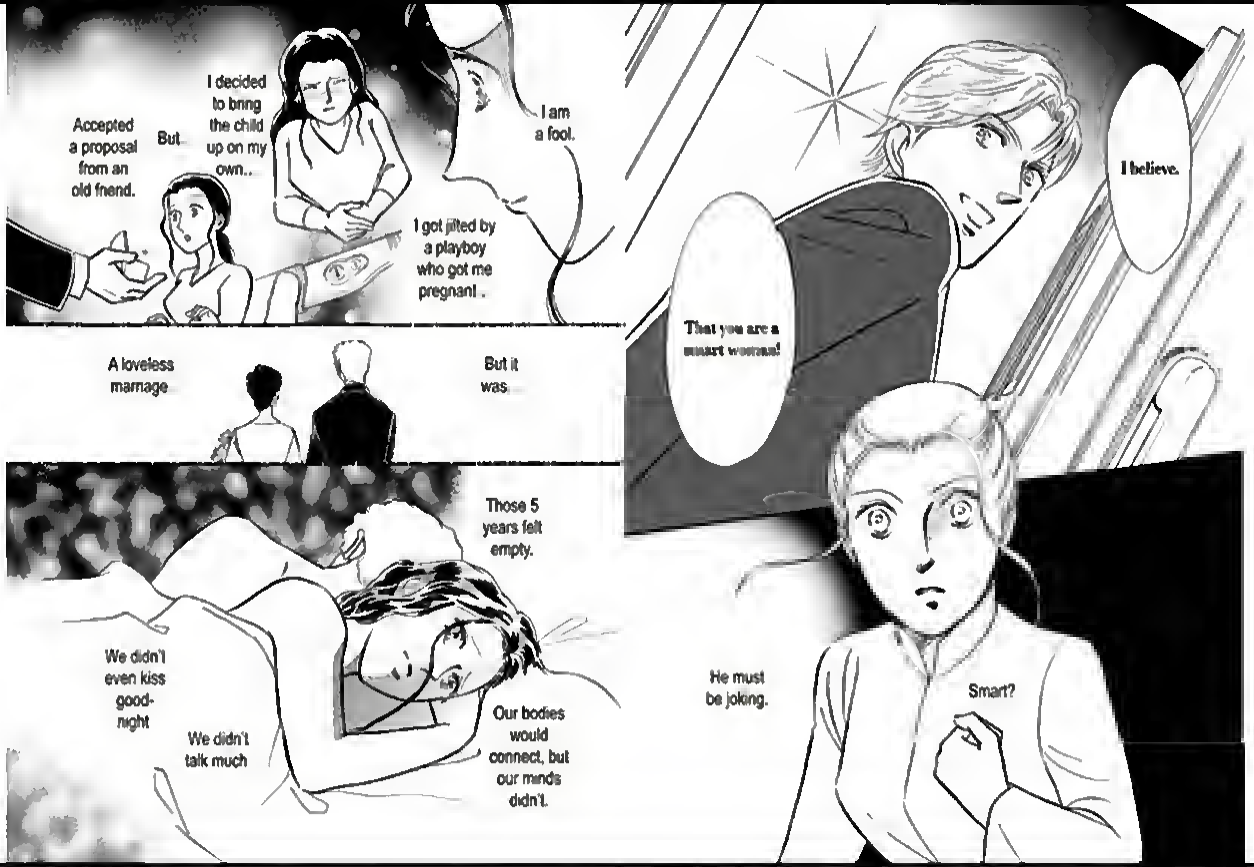
You only spent one night with me...
What do you know about me?
That's hand-woven ...
Dam-ask, isn't it?
He's right.
5 years ago,
on that night...
I was forced to live apart from her for 4 years.
I want to make up for the lost time.
I want to live with Katie.
I didn't know
you liked children!
Ha!
What are you talking about?
I'm serious.

Tap
On that night..
Not me?
Oh, you were looking at the fabric on my suit?
What ?
The weave is beautiful.
In Paris?
And you drink Château Gruaud Larose Saint Julien. That's interesting.
I'm studying fabrics at the Sorbonne.
Oh, I'm sorry ...
It's unappropriate to ask today but...
I know ...
With a man I just met..
I got so drunk.
He was so knowledgeable
And friendly,
and fun

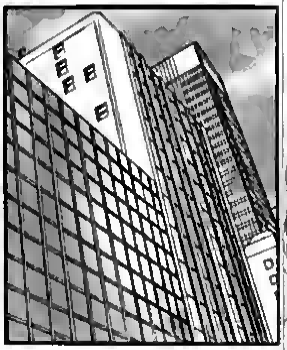
and make me Katie's stepfather.
But marry me
Or we can keep the identity of the real father a secret...

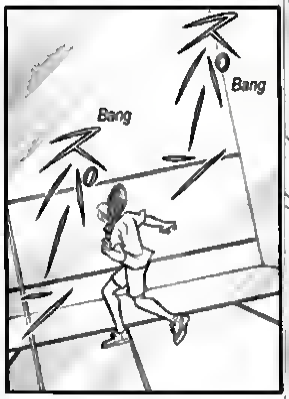
2 weeks for your answer.
I'll wait ...
... Even if you were the last man on earth, I would never marry you!

The second "Allen" might be waiting to take his place.
I don't want to be outdone again.
You can either fight over Katie's custody in court,
with her crying face splashed across the tabloid papers and gossip magazines...
Choose, Meg.


Accepted a proposal from an old fnend.
But
I decided to bring the child up on my own..
I am a fool.
I got jilted by a playboy who got me pregnant .
A loveless marriage
But it was
Those 5 years felt empty.
We didn't even kiss good-night
We didn't talk much
Our bodies would connect, but our minds didn't.
That you are a smart woman!
I believe.
He must be joking.
Smart?

Bang
Bang
Bang




Bang
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Katie was
my only
reason to
live

What would have happened if you were a terrorist?
And this is New York's no. 1 athletics club!
What ?
No.
I lied and told them I was your PA and they let me through.
Unlike your father...
You don't have political enemies, do you?
Oh, I don't think that would happen.
So...
sorry!
I shouldn't have said— that.
That was rude of me.
はっ
Oh!

Hmph
I think not ...
He's practicing hitting the same spot?
A hard worker?
What a surprise.
Meg!
I didn't know you were a member here.

And if we're thinking about being chased by the paparazzi,
and about protecting Katie's privacy...
I'll give you the right to have contact with Katie.
You.
Maybe ...
Marry ...
I should ...
I need to respect my late husband,
and Katie and I need time to adjust.
But please wait 2 years!
Meg!
We can see the outside.
Oh, we can talk inside here!
There's a meeting room in the lounge.
...Let's not stand around and talk.
I snuck out from work,
so I'll be brief.
Calm down, Meg!
Are you scared to be alone with me?
Smile

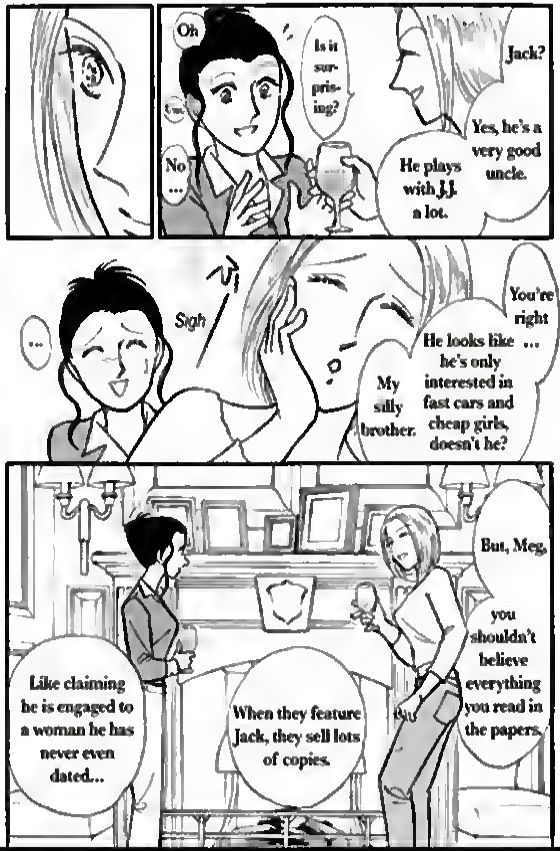
We have separate rooms ...
And I'm not allowed affairs?
Grrr
Hey!
You really don't know me, do you?
In fact,
you don't know men at all...
I am meeting your demands.
All you want to do is live with Katie, am I right?
I am a traditional woman!
6 months at most!
2 years!
That's too long.
If we marry, we sleep in separate rooms.
It's only a marriage to fool the outside world, right?
Also,
And you have to stop sleeping around once you marry me.
I don't want Katie's father to be in the tabloids for vulgar reasons!
Blink

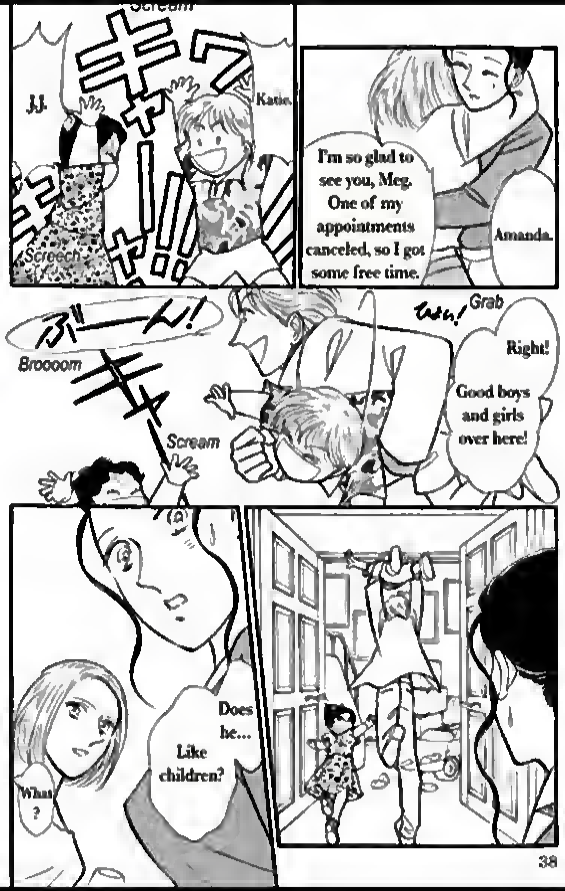
Would never accept my terms.
Jack Tarkenton
Just like I was..
For him, women are pawns in his game
He won't settle until he's ensnared them
He would never stop sleeping around
Bang
I'll take you on!
Throw
If you're going to play it that way,
Sigh
I'm not compromising.
Think about it!

にっこり!
Smile
Nursery school
NURSERY SCHOOL
Hi, Meg.
I was waiting for you.
J...Jack Tarkenton ...
Stare
Bram.
We've come to collect Katie.
Why ...
Uncle Bram!
How is my little girl?
so we thought we could have dinner together...
We'll be staying 2 nights at Jack's apartment,
Amanda is in New York right now.
He's waiting for you at my house.
Your cousin J.J. wants to play with you.
I want to play with JJ!
Katie.
Hello, Miss Katie.
This is Auntie Amanda's brother, Jack.

My whole house could fit in here
Such a big living room
Meg

I can't believe this man is trying to get close to Katie using my brother and J.J.!
We should go home today. You're tired ...
No, Katie.
If you take Katie home to New Jersey on your lap on the bus, she'll be more tired, Meg.
You can even stay over at mine.
Let's go. I can drive you home afterward.
I want to play with J.J!
I want to play!
You really need to give yourself a break, Meg...
I would never!


Oh
Is it surprising?
Jack?
No ...
He plays with J.J. a lot.
Yes, he's a very good uncle.
Sigh
...
My silly brother.
He looks like he's only interested in fast cars and cheap girls, doesn't he?
You're right ...
But, Meg,
you shouldn't believe everything you read in the papers.
When they feature Jack, they sell lots of copies.
Like claiming he is engaged to a woman he has never even dated...


Scream
J.J.
Katie
Screech
I'm so glad to see you, Meg. One of my appointments canceled, so I got some free time.
Amanda
Brooom
Grab
Right!
Good boys and girls over here!
Scream
Does he...
Like children?
What?

They replay his crying little face
as a symbol of innocence.
At one point, Jack decided...
That he wanted to betray that image and become the complete opposite.
It was like a very long rebellious period...
Since you're his sister-in-law,
I'd be grateful if you could understand that complex side of him, Meg.
...
JOHN
JOHN
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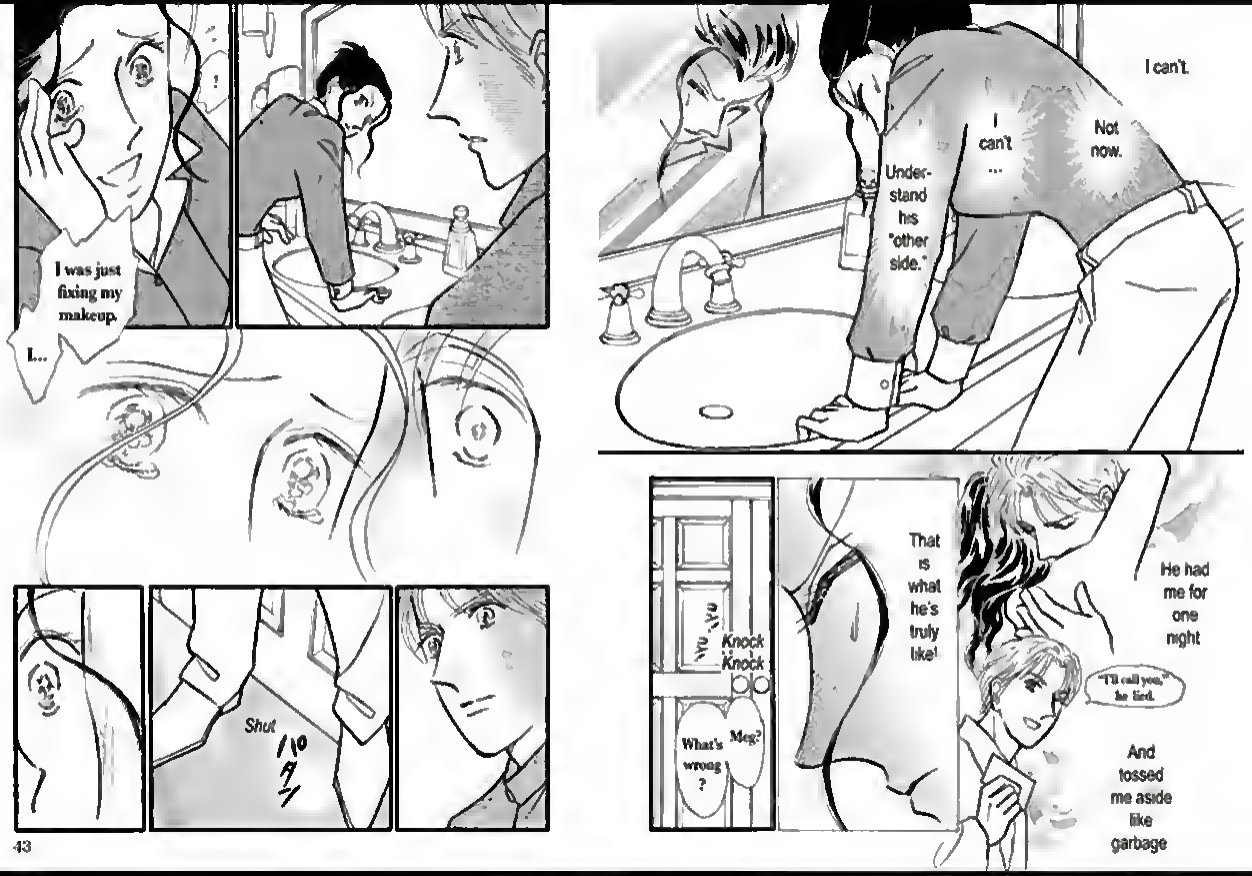
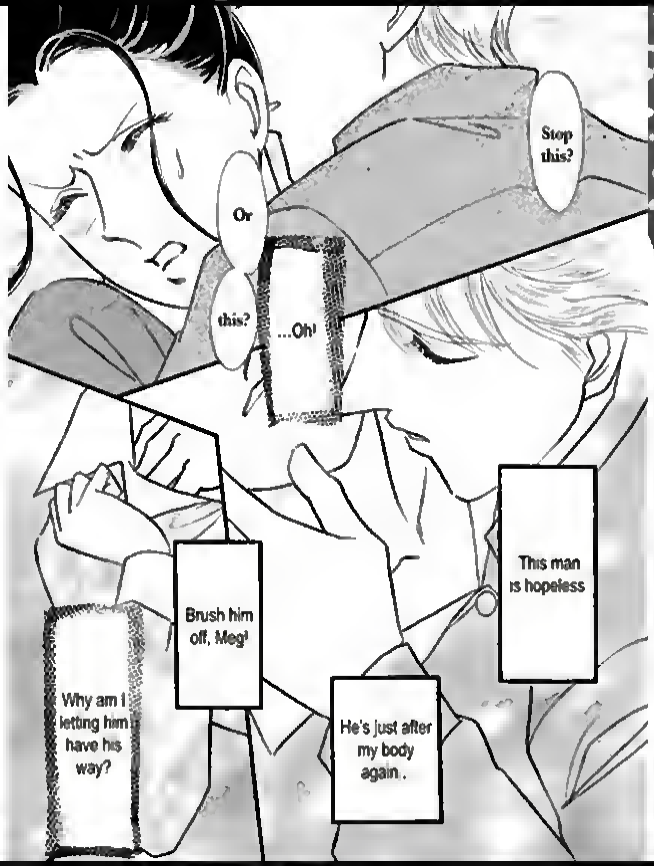
JOHN
Poor Jack.
When our father was assassinated just after winning the presidential election,
Jack asked, "When is Daddy coming home?"
Those few words made him a sweet little tragic icon in an instant.
Ever since then, every time someone says, "America would have been a better place if John Tarkenton were alive,"
TIME
John Jr.
COME HOME DAD


I was just fixing my makeup.
I...
Shut
Knock Knock
What's wrong?
Meg?
That is what he's truly like!
He had me for one night
"I'll call you," he lied.
And tossed me aside like garbage
I can't.
I can't ...
Not now.
Under-stand his "other side."


Stop this?
Or this?
...Oh!
This man is hopeless
Brush him off, Meg!
He's just after my body again.
Why am I letting him have his way?

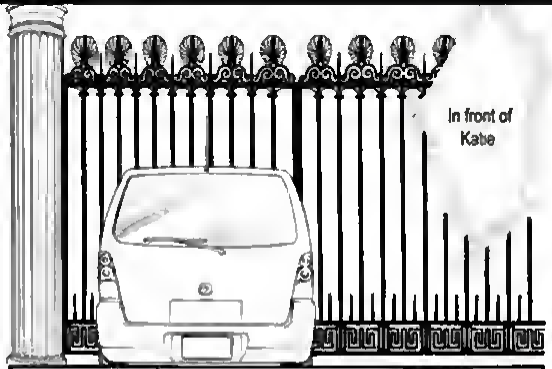
2 years is too long.

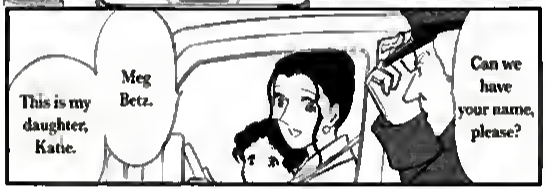
Stop?
Stop what?
I do.
Stop!
Stop it!
I don't want to talk about this here.

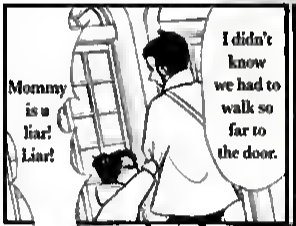
Meg and I have started dating recently.
We're thinking about marrying.
Knock
Knock
Bram!
Din-ner is...
Meg?
Are you there?
What's going on?
What does it look like?
Gnn
...
I was consoling her during her loss,
Lying again.
and gradu-ally we...
Right, Meg?
What ?

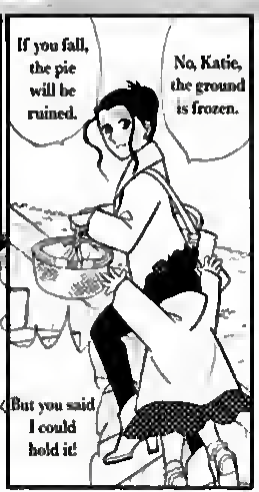
Oh.
Yes...
I'm totally going along with him.
Oh, no
But
I don't want to fight with him...
Katie is watching
We should all spend Thanksgiving together as a family.
Right.
Meg?
My mom
would like to invite Meg and Katie.
to Thanks-giving dinner.

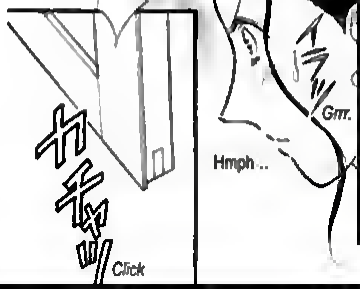
I'll hold the apple pie!
I'll hold it!
Mrs Tarkenton's home
It's like a castle.


In front of Katie


This is my daughter, Katie.
Meg Betz.
Can we have your name, please?


Mommy is a liar! Liar!
I didn't know we had to walk so far to the door.


If you fall, the pie will be ruined.
No, Katie, the ground is frozen.
But you said I could hold it!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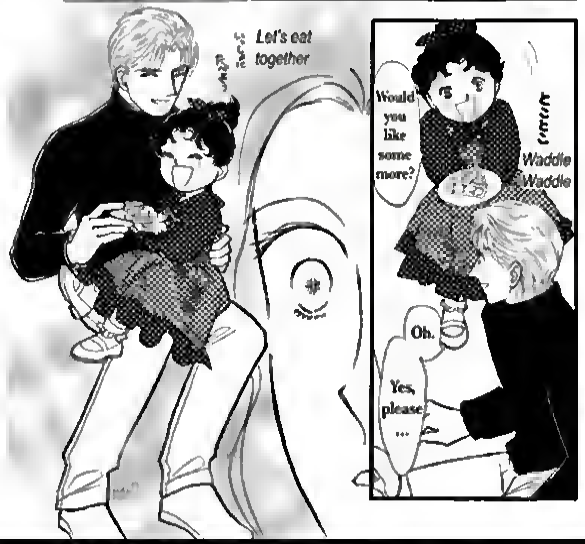
Hmph ..
Grrr.

This way, please.
Creak

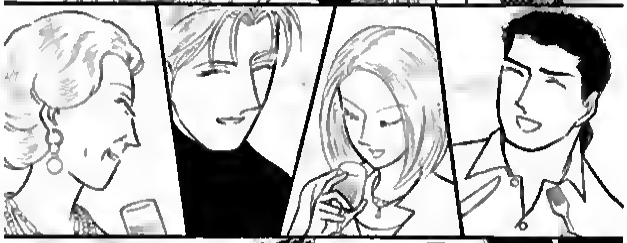
Ahhhhhhh
Ah...
Um...
Katie!
Oh.
Mom.
Looks like it...
Isn't quite the ladies' man he thought he was.
Giggle
I guess my son...
Do you remember me?
I'm JJ's uncle Jack.
Let me handle her!
Hold
Welcome, Katie.

Where's JJ?
He's upstairs.
Let's go.
Thank you for inviting us, Mrs. Tarkenton.
Sorry about Katie's behavior...
Do you remember Meg?
Bram's pretty sister?
Katie.
Welcome, Meg.
Of course.
Call me Eleanor.
Giggle
I had children, too, you know.
I understand.
Jack was a handful, too.
He'd cry so loud the next town could hear him.
Stop it, Mom.
You'll probably be a good influence on him.
Huh?
And your daughter, too.
Um...
Please make yourself at home.
I hope I'm not being intrusive,
But I'm very happy to hear that you and my son are dating.

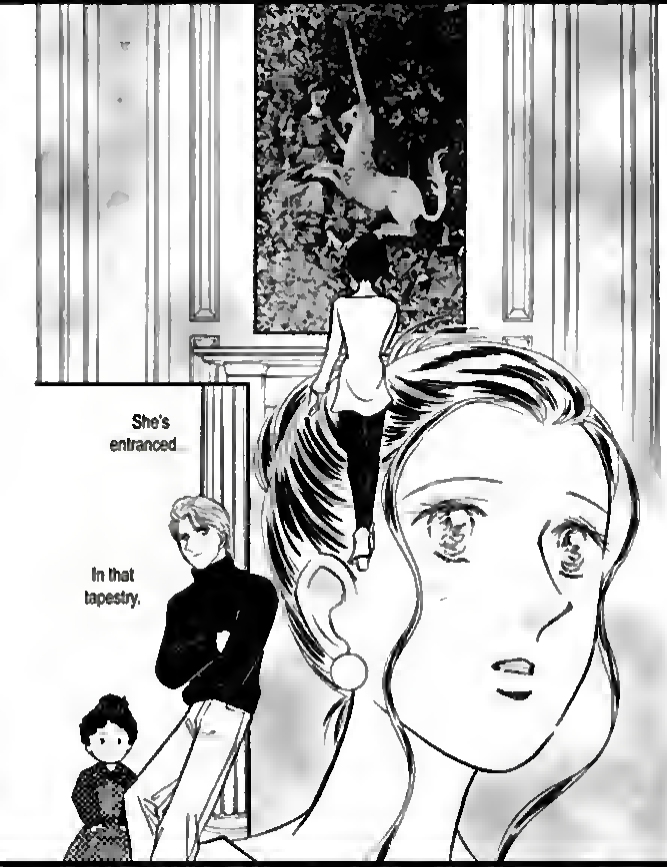
It's delicious!
You could be a baker when you're older, Katie!


Let's eat together
Would you like some more?
Waddle Waddle
Oh.
Yes, please ...

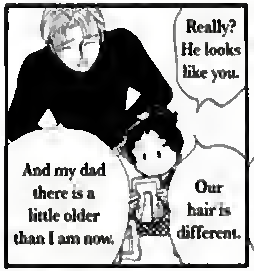
I should go home...
As soon as possible...



This is the pie I made.
I made it!


She's entranced.
In that tapestry.

We should get going soon...
Meg.
Katie.
There's something I want to show you.
Hold on!
He's trying to trick me again
Is it all right, Mom? You know the thing in your room?
Of course. That's our family heirloom.
I think you would be really interested in it.

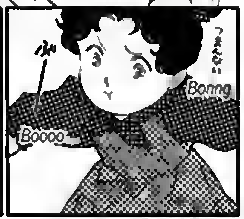

Really? He looks like you.
And my dad there is a little older than I am now.
Our hair is different.

That's my dad.
... No.

When we first met.
Just like she was mesmerized by my suit...

Where is your dad?
It's Thanks-giving, but he's not here.

...
He's...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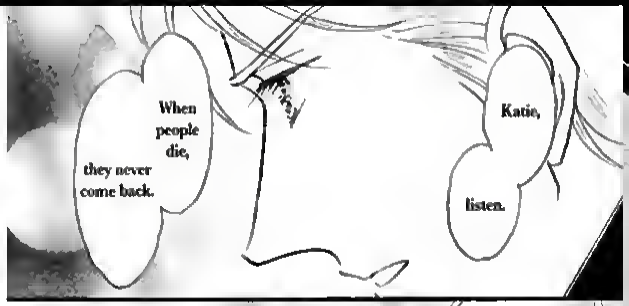
Bonng

What?

Hey!
Is this you, uncle, Jack?

Katie!
Santa's the only one who comes down the chimney, honey.
What shall I do ..?
Daddy is going to come down
the chimney like Santa!
?
?
You believe me, right?
Right?
She doesn't believe that the toys come out of the cupboards at night and dance, either!
Mommy doesn't know.
I didn't mind if he came through the door or the chimney,
as long as he came to see me.
Even after he died.
I wanted to see my dad, too.
... Yeah.
Really ?
He's in heaven now.
He died a long time ago.
...When I was about 5 years old.
I know! I'm going to be 5 years old on my next birthday.
When I was about your age.
And Daddy is going to bring me lots of presents!


When people die,
they never come back.
Katie,
listen.

That's what dying means.
or how much he loves you, he can never come back to see you.
No matter how much you love Daddy,
That's the hardest thing.

What?
And that's why Daddy doesn't come home...
But sometimes I fall asleep.
I always watch from the window.
So I know when Daddy comes home.

What is she saying?
What—
Katie!
That ...
That's not true!
That she thinks Allen is not coming home because of her?

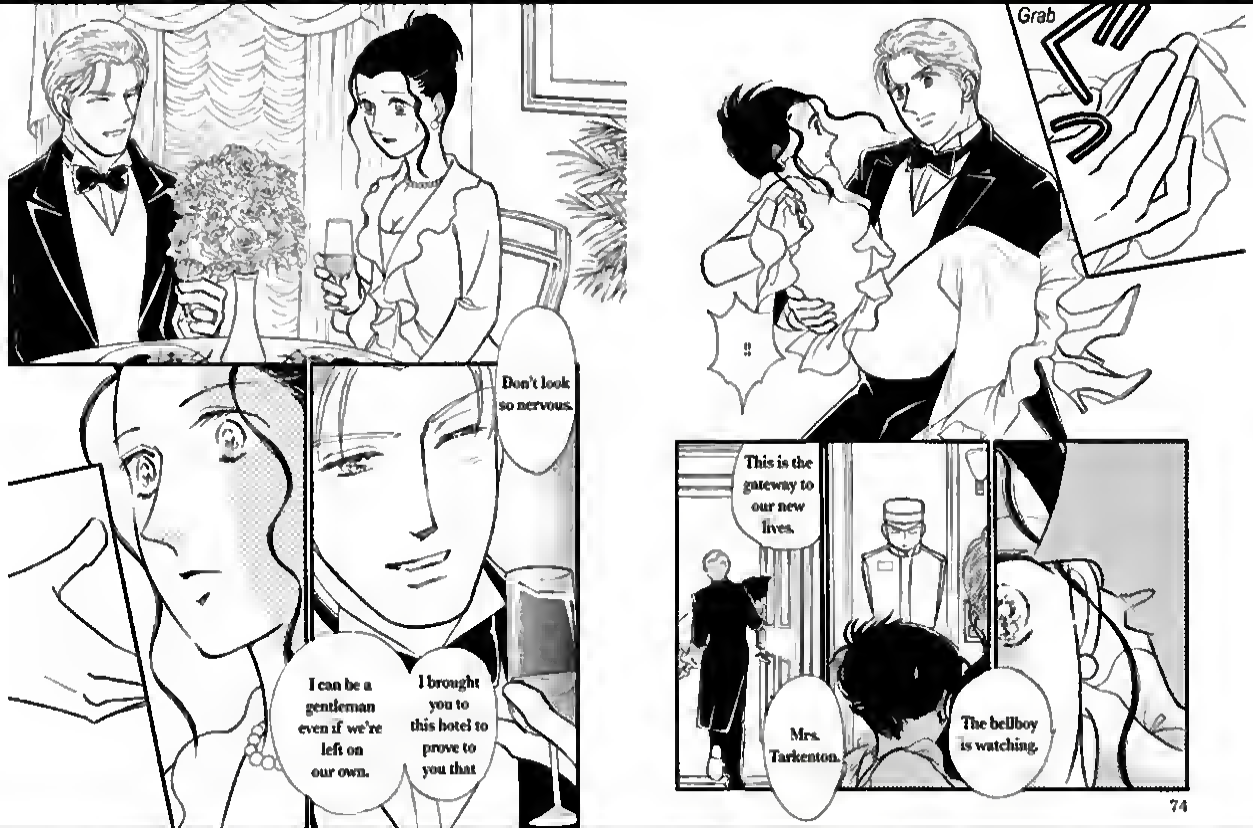
It's not because you did something, or didn't do something, that this happened.
But that isn't your fault.
And we can't change that.
Everyone dies one day.
And to tell you the truth...
I...
but I had to give up.
I wanted to see my daddy, too.
...Thank you.
ZZZ

To say no.

...There is no reason...

There will be no veil.
No hat.
Jack Tarkenton and me?
Marry?
We're just going to call a judge to our house and do it there.
Mamage
that is just for show
My second
A great
He would be
father
Marry?
The office phone won't stop ringing.
We have to be quick!
The press have started to sniff around us.

Don't worry.
Our security is getting in their way for us.
The paparazzi can't reach us.
Clap Clap
Clap
Congratulations!
Congratulations.
Clap Clap
Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Tarkenton.
Welcome to our hotel.
They're coming out of the limousine.
Quickly! Take 2 shots!
This story is going to sell.
After years of being a playboy, the woman Jack Tarkenton chooses to marry is a widow with a child!
Chase after them!
They're spending their wedding night in the top-level suite at the Coventry Hotel!


Don't look so nervous.
I brought you to this hotel to prove to you that
I can be a gentleman even if we're left on our own.
Grab
!!
This is the gateway to our new lives.
Mrs. Tarkenton.
The bellboy is watching.

A romantic bed.
A closet full of roses.
for my wife Meg
A card in the bathroom.
Good night, my wife.
I'll sleep on the sofa.
Tap

Mrs. Tarkenton, can we just have a word...?
Mrs. Tarken-ton.
Jack lived like this since he was a little boy...
I can't even window-shop anymore.
The paparazzi are everywhere.
Welcome home.
Welcome home, Mrs. Tarken-ton.
Hello ...

All the fabrics are exactly what I'd been hoping for! Thank you, Meg.
My next collection will definitely be a success!
Glad to be of help.
Twinkle
... So ...
Hey! Don't run off!
the paparazzi are out front!
Oh,
Bye!
Katie's waiting for me, so I better go.
Oh,
Scream
That's enough chat about work! Spill it all!
What's it like being Jack Tarkenton's wife?

Click
Help me! Help me!
I'm coming to save you!
Fshhh!
Scream Scream
Oh...
What are you doing!?
What ...
Katie is saving me.
We're playing fire brigade!
Jack is a victim who didn't get out in time!
Jack, why are you not at work?
The meeting finished early,
and Katie said it's more fun playing with me than doing errands with you.
Right?
Right! Jack, you're my horse!
Now we're going to play queens!
Right!
Berrrr.

Allen planted that tree
the day Katie was born.
Katie...
Has really grown close to Jack.
He
You talks about him like a saint.
Allen ...
Allen ...
If we go to a different house,
Of course.
will Daddy be able to find me from heaven?
She was crying so much when we were moving over from our house in New Jersey...
Sniff
Are we leaving it behind?
How about my tree?
Sniff
To this place.
Pull
He's in the second-floor window! Take a shot!
Flash
I understand you have memories here.
But I cannot live in this house,
Meg.

But ...
No,
Jack
Oh!
Separated by a bathroom.
Sleep in separate rooms
We...
In the highly secured Tarkenton Manor.
... Oh.
Meg,
I want you...
Jack!
A dream.

Click
Welcome home, honey ...
Hiccup
...
What are you doing in the dark?
Meg!
What's wrong?

Do you want mainly daisies?
Let's decide how we're going to lay it all out.
What a beautiful blue color!
Oh!
This flower is the same color as your eyes, Mommy!
A bug! A bug!
Scream
Did she get those from her father?
The little lady's eyes are chocolate brown.
Oh.

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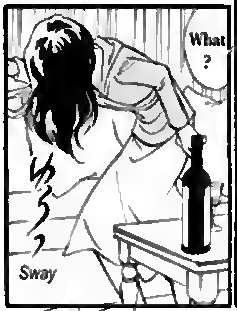
Squeeze
I love you.
My husband.


What?
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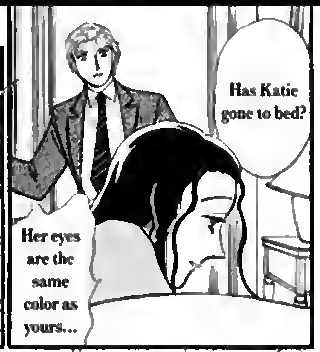
Sway


Has Katie gone to bed?
Her eyes are the same color as yours...

A charming chocolate brown...

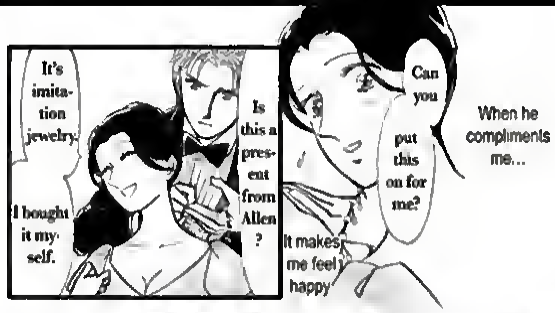
You drank this much by yourself?
What! Are you drunk?

Push
...You're so drunk.
Tap
Good night.
Yes, sir.
Betsy, can you make a cup of tea for my wife, please.

I got it as a present from a designer for helping her with her collection.
It's a sample.
It suits you!
That's a beautiful fabric.
You're sparkling even though you're not wearing any jewelry.
This pain
I brought it on myself
This
Fever in my heart..!

A secret room!

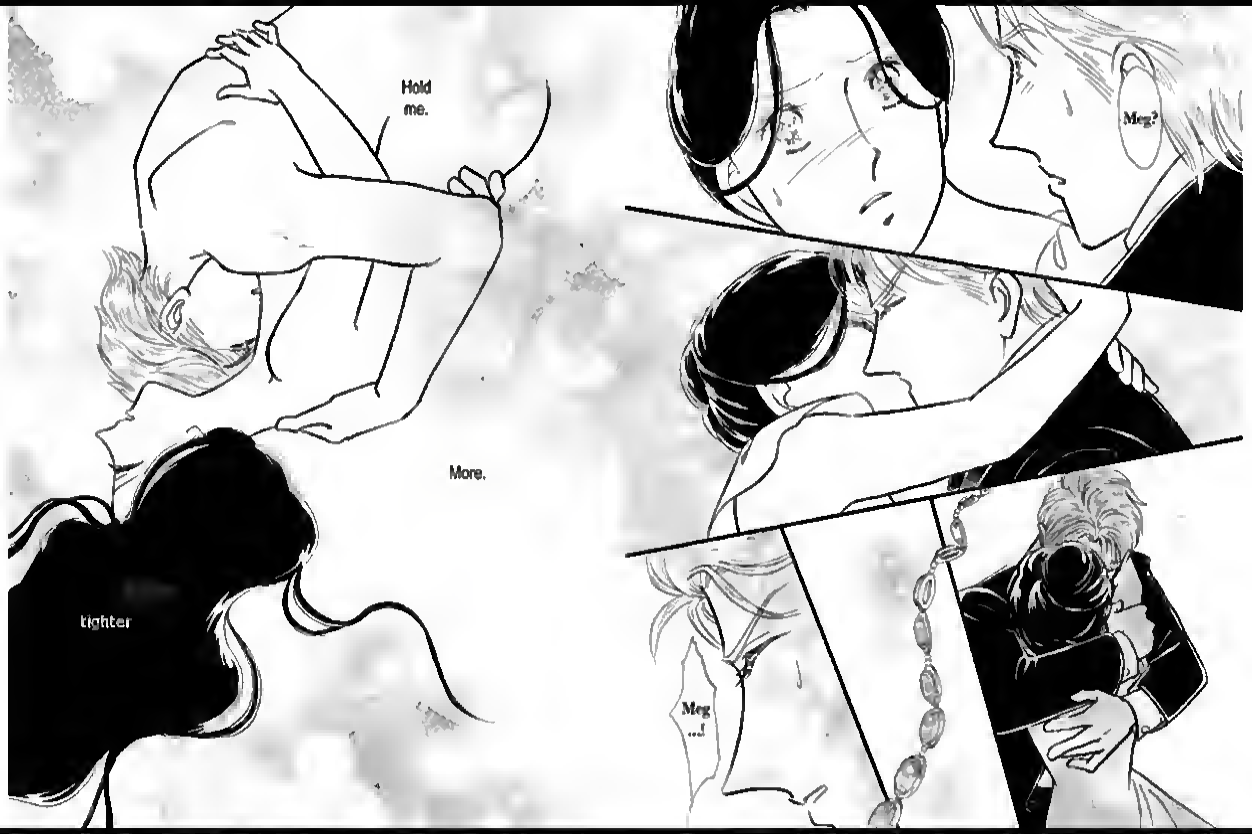
This is good.
It sets off your eyes.


It's imitation jewelry.
I bought it myself.
Is this a present from Allen?
Can you put this on for me?
When he compliments me...
It makes me feel happy

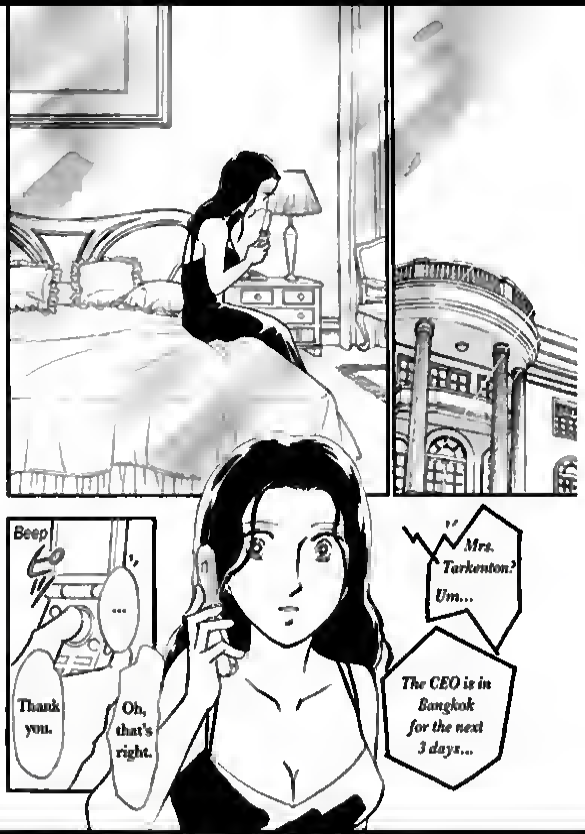
...
You ...
can't wear imitation jewelry with a dress like this!

Beep
What!
Come with me.

...I give up.
Actually, maybe the sapphire would be better.
His hands are touching me.
His breath's on my neck.
Um ...
It's hard ...
or we'll be late for the party.
You need to decide quickly


Hold me.
More.
tighter
Meg?
Meg ...!

He was going away
He never told me..
There's no love between us ..
But nothing's changed
with Jack...
our agreement and slept
I broke

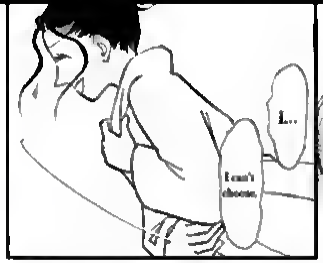

Beep
...
Thank you.
Oh, that's right.
Mrs. Tarkenton? Um...
The CEO is in Bangkok for the next 3 days...

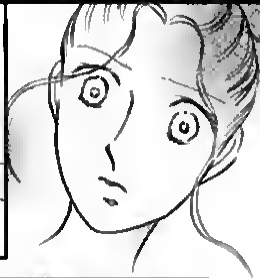
Realizing this
all now...
Acknowledging it..
Doesn't make a difference!
Even though I love him
I...
I've loved him from the moment I met him .
Even when I was married to Allen
I love him.

I want to see Daddy in heaven.
I'm sad, too.
Yes.
I feel sad.
Yeah!
Can Jack come, too?
We can take some flowers.
Shall we go and visit Daddy's grave?
Mommy,
do you like Daddy or Jack more?
Why don't you ask Jack when he comes back?
Um... I don't know about that.

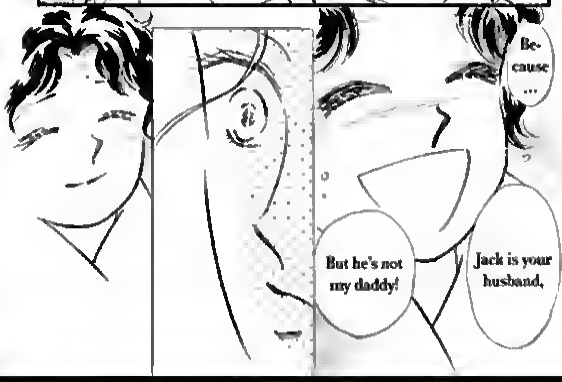
What's wrong?
Mommy.
Are you sad?
Because Daddy is in heaven?
That's weird.
Even though I am so happy being with you...
Oh ... I wonder why I am crying.
Silly Mommy.

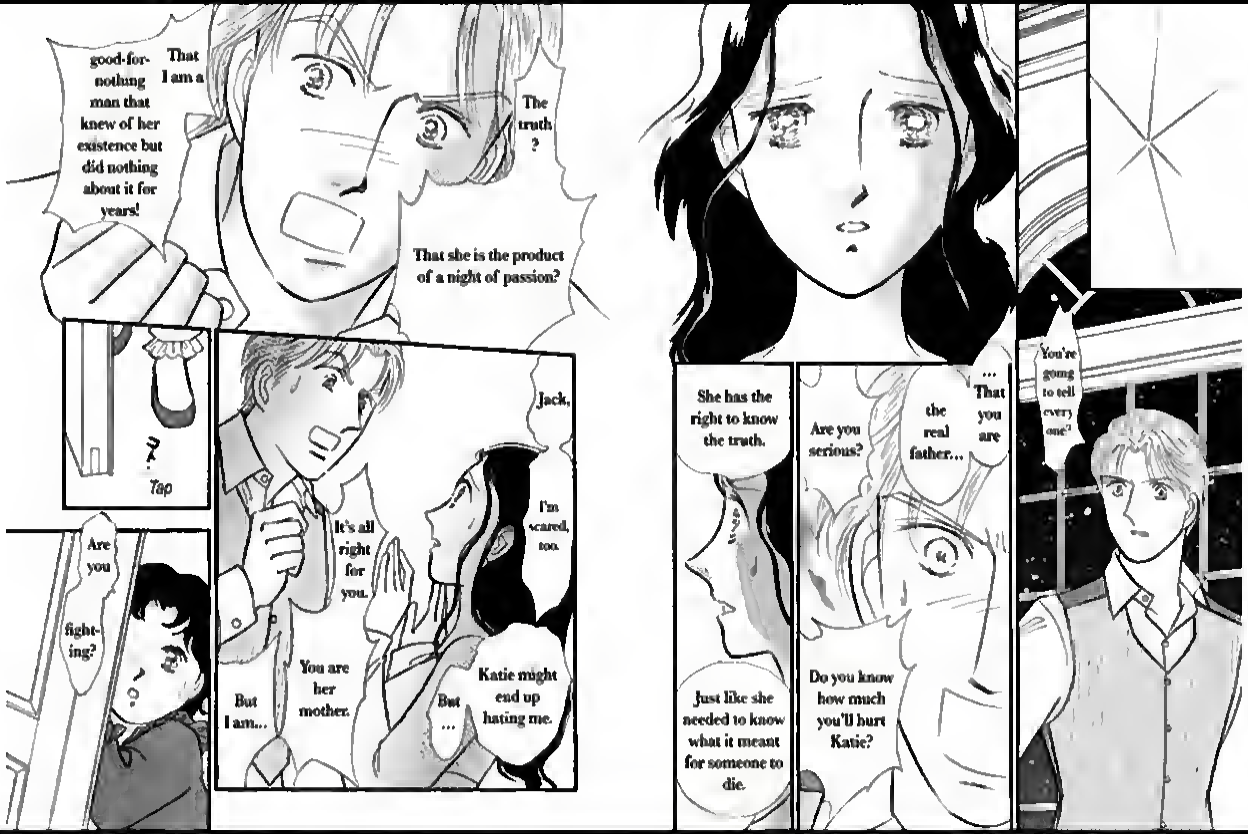
Squeeze
I understand now
Of course my life is miserable
This is punishment.
For lying to my beloved daughter...!


I...
I can't choose.

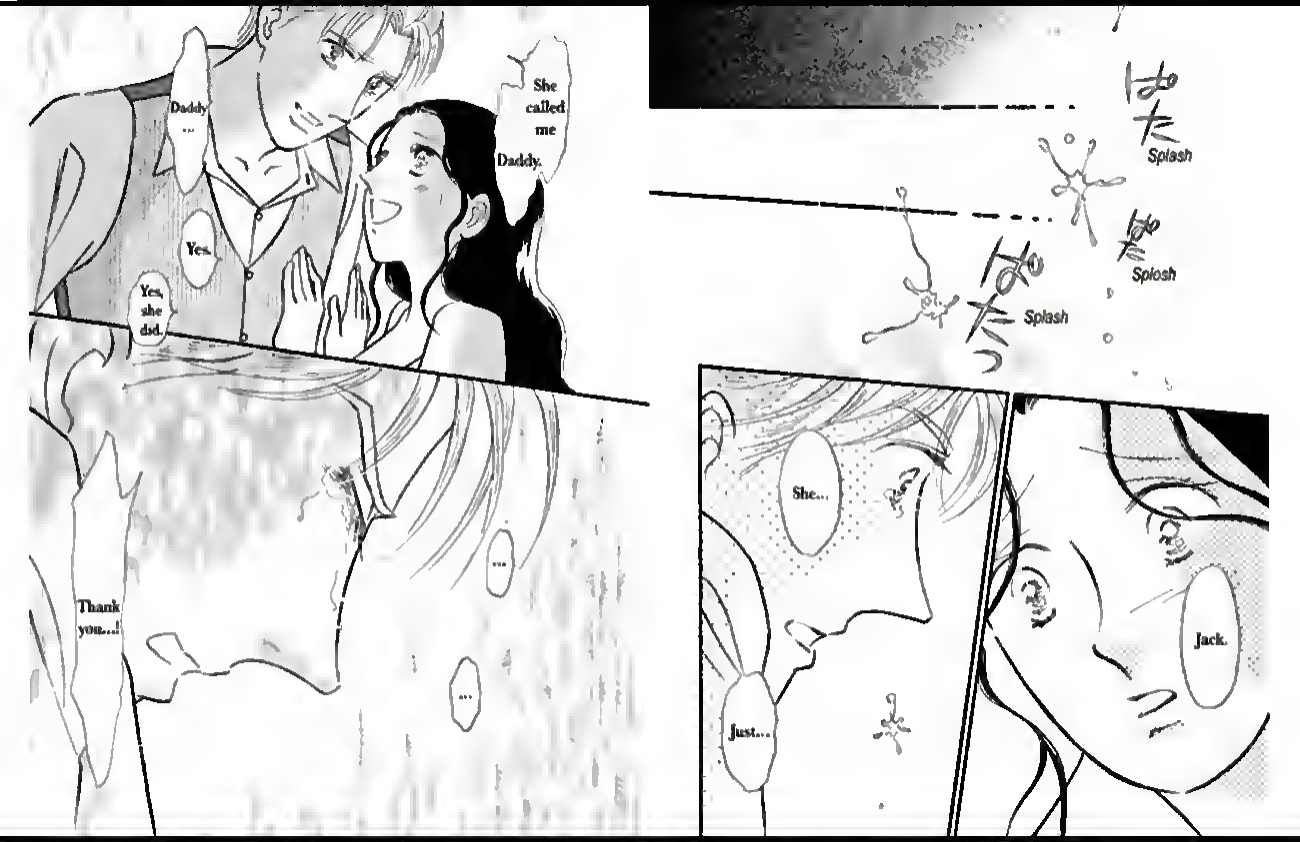


I like Daddy.
Can you choose?
How about you, Katie?


But he's not my daddy!
Because ...
Jack is your husband.

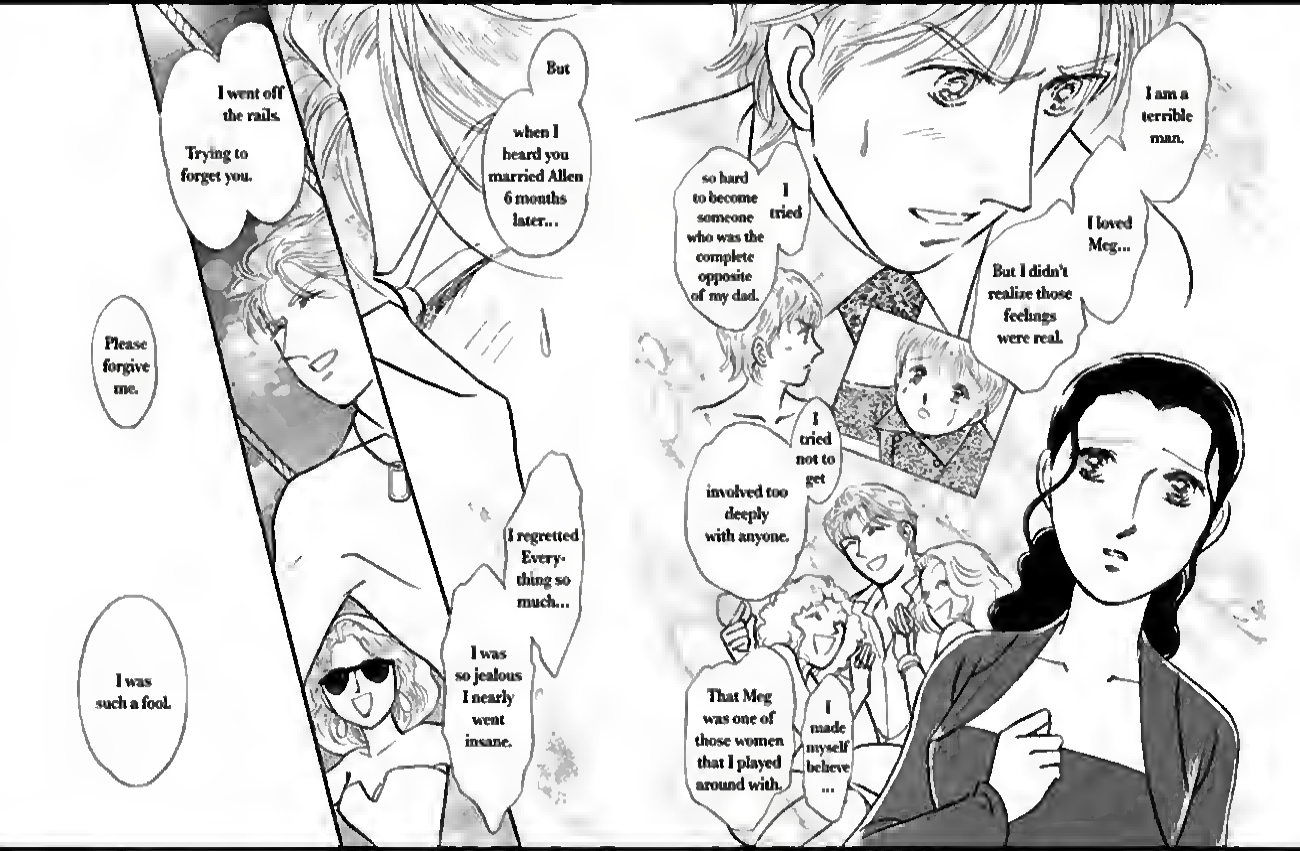

That I am a good-for-nothing man that knew of her existence but did nothing about it for years!
The truth ?
That she is the product of a night of passion?
Tap
Jack,
I'm scared, too.
It's all right for you.
But I am...
You are her mother.
But ...
Katie might end up hating me.
Are you fighting?
She has the right to know the truth.
Just like she needed to know what it meant for someone to die.
Are you serious?
... That you are the real father...
Do you know how much you'll hurt Katie?
You're going to tell every one?

Daddy.
Good night, Mommy.
When you're friends
Yeah...
sometimes you fight, too.
But when you're good friends,
... No.
Katie!
Daddy and Mommy are really good friends.
Right?
Hmmm.
Smile
Can I call you Daddy?
Daddy?
Daddy?


Daddy...
She called me Daddy.
Yes.
Yes, she did.
Thank you...!
...
...
Splash
Splash
Splash
She...
Just...
Jack.

No.
It was love at first sight.
I fell in love at first sight!
I just wanted to have you so desperately.
I...
Shut up!
I have nothing to say back to that.
The point is, you took advantage of my sister!
You got her pregnant, then stopped all contact...
And dumped her!

That's not true.
I was the one who chatted you up!
I...
seduced Jack.
I pretended to be interested in his suit and started talking to him...


I am a terrible man.
I loved Meg...
But I didn't realize those feelings were real.
I tried so hard to become someone who was the complete opposite of my dad.
I tried not to get involved too deeply with anyone.
That Meg was one of those women that I played around with.
I made myself believe ...
But when I heard you married Allen 6 months later...
I went off the rails.
Trying to forget you.
I regretted Everything so much...
I was so jealous I nearly went insane.
Please forgive me.
I was such a fool.

Daddy and Mommy,
are you friends?
Friends!
Yes, we are,
Katie.
And it's all because of you!
I love you...!

Oh, my.
I was in Bangkok playing around as usual,
when I found a baby that had been dumped in a garbage bin. That inspired me.
It was just after Katie was born.
To be honest,
I'm scared.
Is it work?
Tomorrow.
I'm going to hold a press conference.
What!
I've been sponsoring an orphanage in Asia.
Since a few years ago,
My dad did a lot of charity work to help children.
But can I do a good job like my dad?
Me?
I'm different than my honorable and noble dad.
I'm full of imperfections ...
I know.
I know the worst parts about you and the best parts.

We're getting married again.
I want to make a vow.
We're doing it in front of God this time.
I'll be right beside you.
Meg tells the cameras, "We now love each other from the bottoms of our hearts."
Not a step-daughter, but his real daughter!
The little cupid girl!
They split up 5 years ago due to his loose morals.
Jack Tarkenton sets up a charity for children.
Is he entering politics?

I love you.
John Tarkenton III, July 30
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We're going to be real husband and wife, Meg.
Even if it takes a lifetime, I'll strive to be a man you deserve.
And I will be a wife you can be proud of.

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